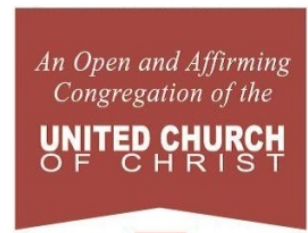




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EASTER MORNING WORSHIP
APRIL 4, 2021

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God* B. Marcello
Dr. David Neiweem, organ

WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE Hannah Sachs

* OPENING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection!* NCH 245

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION The Rev. Elissa C. Johnk

Mary-Elizabeth MacDonald, Aven and Asa Jorgenson, Celia and Shayla Polli, Tara Brown, Alphonce, Exodus and Kashindi Mashaka

One: O God, early in the morning, when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you
were one of us.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, surrounded by self-interested religious leaders,
anxious statesmen and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God;
you shouldered and suffered the cross.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,
that you have come back to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

**All: Asa: O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired,
Mary-Elizabeth: new love where we have turned hard-hearted,
CeCe: forgiveness where we have wounded,**

Aven: and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit

Tara: where we are prisoners of ourselves.

—Silent prayer—

One: To all and to each, where regret is real,

God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

Jesus Shall Reign

Jennie Coleman, Karan Dewar, Pat Heise, & Sylvia Stebbins, handbells

*During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives,
and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE WORD

Mark 15:37-39,42-43,46-16:1-8

Steve Hyde

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Be the Lord

Children's Choir

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES

Rev. Elissa C. Johnk

* EASTER ACCLAMATION

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Alleluia.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen, indeed!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Now the Green Blade Rises

ancient French melody

Judith Doerner, handbells and Carlanne Herzog, piano

SERMON

Rev. Elissa C. Johnk

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One!

NCH 253

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our

debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

You are invited to use this time to make your gifts electronically. This morning's offering will go to the church, with 10% tithed as a Mission Offering to Justice for All.

Give online: <https://onrealm.org/FirstChurchBurlington/-/give/now>

Text FCCBUCC to 73256 to give a gift to FCCB using your text messaging.

Standard text message rates apply.

You can also write a check and mail it to 38 S. Winooski, Burlington, VT 05401.

- * **DOXOLOGY** *Alleluia* *Calvin Hampton*
Members of the Sanctuary Choir, Brass and Organ
- * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Hannah Sachs*

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

- * **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**
- * **CLOSING HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* *NCH 233*
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE** *Ode to Joy* *Ludwig van Beethoven*

- * *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

Special Music this morning is supported by the Choragic Fund.

Members of the Sanctuary Choir, Austin Handbell Choir, Children's Choir; Jason Whitcomb and Christopher Rivers, trumpets; Preston Murphy, engineer.

EASTER OFFERINGS 2021

Donations to our 2021 Easter Offering will be devoted (90%) to the First Church operating budget – providing vital support to all of the ministries of First Church.

The balance of the offering (10%) will support the mission of a Vermont non-profit selected by our Mission Team: *Vermont Racial Justice Alliance*



GIFTS TO THE OFFERING WERE GIVEN IN HONOR OF

George Passage by *Libby Ivy*

Frontline workers world-wide by *KC*

Dr. David Neiweem for all his years of service to First Church by *KC*

Mom, Laura Morin by *Henry Barton & Sherry Morin Barton*

All who have made phone calls, sent cards and brought food

during Patty's cancer journey by *Patty and Gary Thomas*



GIFTS TO THE OFFERING IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Phyllis and Dick Reininger by *Elliot and Nancy*

Géraldine Léon by *Nolwenn Madden*

André Pflieger by *Nolwenn Madden*

Rev. Arlene Bodge and Dr. Virginia Allen by *Judith Gray and Marcia Patterson*

Rev. Bob Lee by *Donna Lee*

Elizabeth, Kate, Kenneth, and Louise Isham by *Betsy Isham*

Our daughter and mom, Heather by *Rebecca, Jerry, Sapphire, and Mary-Elizabeth*

Ida McNamara by *Mike McNamara*

Oatman & Betty, Stephen, Douglas, and Jessica Hope Saunders by *Susan E. Saunders*

Her uncle, Orison Tinker *by Dianne Griffiths*
Nellie & Ben Nye *by Libby Ivy*
Dr. Bill MacIntyre *by Florence MacIntyre-Pulling*
My parents, Grafton and Lilian Carlisle *by Diana Carlisle*
Our parents *by Everett & Sylvia Stebbins*
Neal Slocum *by Beverly Slocum*
Our parents *by Beverly Slocum*
Ronald Carter *by The Carter Family*
Bob & Margaret Shaw *by The Carter Family*
Loren Barr *by Lorraine Barr*
My parents *by Carol Tandy*
Donald B. Tanguay *by Beverly Tanguay*
Robert L. Bourgault *by Mary E. Bourgault*
Marion Chester Smith *by John and Sarah Smith Conroy*
Loved ones Fred, Josephine, Cynthia, Bill, and Arlene *by Michael and Lucy Samara*

